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## U-BOAT SHELLS ENGLISH TOWN; WOMAN KILLED

**Coal Shipping Port of Seaham Harbour Bombarded By Thirty Rounds of Shrapnel—House is Wrecked and Woman Killed—German Aeroplanes in Raid on Calais—Allies Fall Back Before Hostile Drive in France.**

London, July 12.—The English port of Seaham Harbour, a coal shipping town on the North Sea, six miles southeast of Sunderland, was attacked last night by a German submarine.

About thirty rounds of shrapnel were fired. One woman was killed by the bombardment. One house was struck by a shell.

The official announcement says:

"At 10:30 o'clock last night a German submarine appeared off the small undefended port of Seaham Harbour. She approached within a few hundred yards of the town and then opened fire. Some 30 rounds of shrapnel were fired from a three-inch gun. Twenty rounds fell in the direction of Dalston, a dozen rounds fell in and about Seaham Colliery.

"A woman walking through the colliery yard was seriously injured and died this morning. One house was struck by a shell. No other damage was done."

**German Aeroplanes**

**In Raid on Calais**

Berlin, July 12.—Two German aeroplanes made an attack on the channel port of Calais on Monday night. It was announced officially today. They dropped bombs on the port and on army encampments.

The Admiralty gave out the following: "Two German naval aeroplanes on the night of July 10-11 dropped bombs on Calais and the troop camps at Bray-Dunes (near the Belgian frontier). The aeroplanes returned undamaged."

## GERMANS, AIDED BY BIG REINFORCEMENTS, DRIVE BACK FOE; 2,100 TAKEN

Brussels, July 12.—German troops on the right bank of the river Meuse yesterday pushed forward their position to a point near Souville and the Duffel Works, taking 25 officers and 2,100 men, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

**BRITISH ADMIT LOSSES.**

London, July 12.—The Germans, heavily reinforced, delivered strong attacks against the British on the Western front last night. They gained ground in Mametz Wood and Trones Wood.

An official announcement issued here this afternoon says that all the German attacks were beaten off except in Mametz and Trones Woods.

"Since the commencement of the battle the enemy has received large reinforcements," the announcement says.

"Yesterday and last night strong hostile attacks were made against several points of our new positions."

"Except in Mametz Wood and Trones Wood, in both of which localities the Germans regained some ground, all these attacks were beaten off."

**BRITISH ARE CONFIDENT**

**OF ATTAINING SUCCESS**

London, July 12.—Although the extent of ground which has been gained by the British offensive is not great, there is general satisfaction in England at the success attained by the army of General Haig during the 12 days of fighting and belief exists that the advantageous positions now occupied will make possible greater achievements.

The capture of Contalmaison, Mametz and Trones Woods give the British a line running almost due east and west so that the Germans to

the north can be attacked on the flank when the guns are brought up for the second phase of the operations. South of the river the French are in a position somewhat similar to the British and can likewise attack the German flank south of Belloy and Arras. For the moment, however, the two armies are engaged in preparing new positions.

Meanwhile, the Germans, renewing the attacks on Verdun, have captured Damloup battery, which they held for a time early in June. This position is the point furthest from Verdun, in the French line of defense so that its loss is not taken seriously by the French commander.

In the east the Russians are engaged in heavy battles in the extreme northwestern corner of Bukovina where they are inflicting further defeats on General Pflanzer, now cut off from General von Bothmer's forces to the north and also along the Stokhod river, where the Austrians and Germans are putting up formidable resistance. The Stokhod is a shallow river but marshes on either side impede movements of troops and guns.

Across the river fighting is in progress near Svidnik while to the southeast another force is advancing in Kovel.

Paris, July 12.—The Germans delivered two attacks last night on a French position in the neighborhood of Dead Man Hill in the Verdun front. The war office announcement of today says that both these assaults failed, breaking down under the French fire. East of the Meuse the French retook part of the ground won yesterday.

In operations in the east the French took 80 prisoners, of which one is an officer. There were no German losses last night on the Somme front.

**SAYS THOMPSON**

**WAS MURDERED,**

**NOT A SUICIDE**

**Father Insists That Coroner Look Into Shooting of Young Husband.**

Acting on the theory that 19 year old Charles E. Thompson may have been murdered at his home in Stratford, Coroner Phelan has ordered the state police to investigate the circumstances of the young man's death. E. C. Thompson, father of the boy, visited the coroner's office today and declared it was a case of suicide. He said there was no reason why the boy should have taken his life. He believed it was murder and asked the authorities to try and clear up the mystery. State Policeman Rowe Wheeler has already made one report to the coroner but the latter said it would not be good policy to divulge its contents at this time.

Medical Examiner Cogswell of Stratford who visited the Thompson home, made a report in which he found death was due to suicide. Coroner Phelan has found that William H. Thompson's death was accidental.

## FIND CORPSE OF GLOBE TROTTER IN ASH CREEK

**Youth of 16 Sought to Educate Himself By Travel—Victim of Cramps.**

Recovered through the efforts of David Goldstein, who had been grappling for it since 10 o'clock last night, the body of Ture Viberg, 16 years old, who was drowned last evening at Ash Creek when seized with cramps, was recovered at 4:30 o'clock this morning and is at the morgue of Rourke & Boucher where it was taken at the behest of the Fairfield authorities and is now awaiting claim by relatives in Brooklyn. The boy came here from Sweden a month ago and was in bathing with three companions.

In company with Charles Reasling, 16, of Kenwood avenue, Gramere, and Henry and Anton Oeman, 19 and 17 years respectively, who boarded with Viberg at the home of August Eriksson at 17 Gramere avenue, Viberg was in bathing in the creek a short distance above the bridge at Fairfield avenue. Viberg dove from the spring board at the west bank and was swimming in the water when he posted that he had cramps.

The three others tried to assist him, but Viberg bent double and sank. Reasling got a boat and the

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## U-BOAT LINER IS LOOKED FOR; TUG IS ORDERED OUT

**Same Convoy That Brought Deutschland to Port to Meet New Arrival.**

**U. S. TO PROTECT NEWS OF VESSEL**

**Information of Military Value, Government Will Cover Boat's Sailing.**

Norfolk, Va., July 12.—It is reported here that the tug Thomas F. Timmons is preparing to leave Baltimore for the Virginia capes. Some believe the tug is under orders to meet the German undersea boat Bremen, reported en route to an American port.

**EXPERTS MAKE REPORT.**

Washington, July 12.—If news of the departure of the German undersea liner Deutschland can be regarded as military information of value to Germany's enemies, the United States, in the interest of neutrality, will take steps to prevent such information reaching them.

The official report of the naval and customs officers who inspected the submarine and reported she was an unarmed merchant ship probably will be made public by the state department tomorrow.

**TO SAIL IN TEN DAYS.**

Baltimore, July 12.—Feeling secure in their belief that the state department at Washington will sustain the finding of the treasury and navy officials that the Deutschland is a merchant ship and, therefore, entitled to all the privileges due to a belligerent-owned freighter, under international law, the agents of the super-submersible today went ahead with their plans for disposing of the vessel's cargo and preparations for the return voyage.

It is learned that the Deutschland will take aboard a cargo of rubber and nickel and her captain, in his declaration to the local customs officers, said he expected to sail "within 10 days."

Already, there is discussion concerning the return voyage for other undersea liners which are expected to follow the Deutschland to American shores. These vessels, it was reliably stated, will carry back the most essential foodstuffs that Germany and Austria-Hungary need. Coffee was specifically named as one of the commodities. It was also declared that the Bremen, constructed by the same company that built the Deutschland and reported from Berlin last night as about to sail, will carry drugs that are much needed in this country and which cannot be obtained from any other than German sources.

The North German Lloyd has received messages from persons in all parts of the country with offers ranging as high as \$50,000, for the privilege of taking passage on the Deutschland on the return trip. "We had letters from some persons," said a representative of the company today, "who said that they would pay any price we wanted. There was one \$50,000 offer, several of \$10,000 and virtually scores ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. These we have had to refuse. Nearly all of them came from Americans."

## AMERICAN SHIP HITS MINE OFF FRENCH COAST

London, July 12.—The American steamship Gold Shell, with a cargo of oil, struck a mine on Monday night and was badly damaged. She was kept afloat until she entered the mouth of the Gironde, where she is being lighted.

The Golden Shell struck the mine at a point 20 miles west of the island of Cordouan, off the mouth of the Gironde. The forward part of the hull was partly wrecked.

The Gold Shell, Captain Hayes, sailed from New Orleans June 20 and Newport, N. H., June 25 for Bordeaux. She is a tank steamer of 8,000 tons gross, built this year and owned by C. H. Ruhl, of New York.

**HEALTH OFFICER'S**

**HINTS FOR AIDING**

**IN EPIDEMIC FIGHT**

Health Officer E. A. McEllan today made the following suggestions for co-operation in checking the spread of anterior poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, as it is known:

That every person in Bridgeport act as a relay committee.

That all help by reporting all out-of-town children not holding health department certificates to the board at once.

That all aid in cleaning streets, houses and yards.

That all windows and doors be screened at once.

That children be kept from parties, picnics and outings.

That no child be permitted to play with others known to be in any way ill.

That everybody in the city aid in keeping out the paralysis from New York.

That parents remain cool and avoid spreading fear.

## WHOLE BAND IS READY TO ENLIST WITH ARTILLERY

**Olympic Bandmen Will Go to New Haven Tomorrow to Join the Militia.**

**EXPECT TO GO TO TOBYHANNA CAMP**

**Will Be Only Mounted Body of Musicians in Army From New England.**

If their plans carry members of the Olympic band of this city will be known to the future as the 10th Militia Field Artillery band and they will be the only mounted militia band in New England. Members of the band will go to New Haven on the 1 o'clock train tomorrow afternoon to report to Lieut.-Col. R. M. Danforth who commands the regiment. The field batteries from New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island will be assigned to the same regiment making nine batteries in all, of which six will be from Connecticut.

The Connecticut batteries are now enlisting for Tobyhanna, Pa., where they will be in service firing and preparing for the trip to the border.

The members of the Olympic band are: John J. Broadbrook, piccolo and manager, Albert Sykes, cornet and director; cornets, Joseph Medve, William Growther, Albert Sherrick; baritone, William Ratsenberg; drums, Thomas McMillan; trombones, Harry Edmonds, Michael Gillespie and Peter Yager; horns, John Raymond, Louis Standish and Frank Pinto; clarinets, Frank Samuels, James Veslyn, Frank Swanson and Emil Lunden; euphonium, Joseph Clayton; drums, Frank Bandon and Frank Zeit; cymbals, Harry Cunliffe.

Sergeant A. S. Lee, chief trumpeter of the regiment was in this city last night and is expected here again this afternoon. A few musicians from Stamford and New Haven will report for examination tomorrow in the event that some members of the Olympic band do not choose to enlist or fail to pass the physical examination. Twenty-four men and a leader will be enlisted.

The members first will be enlisted in the State service and then will be required to take the Federal oath. Then they will be sent with the last detachment from the batteries to the mobilization and training camp at Tobyhanna. From there they may be sent to the border or back to their home station. But in any event the band will be retained in the service. An effort was made some time ago to have the band enlisted as the Marine band for the Naval Militia but a New Haven band crowded them out. It was a possibility that one or more of the batteries now composed of Yale students or graduates may be disbanded there and reorganized in Bridgeport.

At present there are only three companies of Coast Artillery stationed here, the Coast Artillery band and medical corps and one division Naval Militia. According to its population Bridgeport is far below other cities of the state in the strength of its military organizations. Military men here say that the policy of the politicians and legislators has been for years to make Bridgeport a flag station on the military line.

Only once, and then for a brief period when Col. James Sheridan was in command of the old Fourth regiment, has this city been a regimental headquarters. Time was when there was a signal corps and machine gun platoon here in addition to other organizations but these gradually have been taken away.

An effort was made some years ago to organize a cavalry troop here but it was frowned on by the military powers and eventually Hartford and New Haven were allowed to have one troop each, as well as signal companies, field hospital and ambulance companies. Some time ago E. Earle Garlick, now a private with Battery B, Field Artillery, and a few of his

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## LIQUOR DEALERS BEGIN FIGHT ON GROCER LICENSE

**County Commissioners Expect Soon to Have Ruling From Supreme Court.**

The first step in the campaign the organized liquor dealers will make to prevent the granting of what is known as the grocer's license, was taken today when the Norwalk Liquor Dealers' association filed a remonstrance against James Butler, Inc. The Butler interests want a wholesale license for a grocer's grocery.

The dealers have been discussing the question for some time and are prepared to take the fight to the supreme court if necessary. They say it is an injustice for them to be forced to pay \$750 for a license when a grocer can get a wholesale license for \$333. Attorney Leo Davis of Norwalk will file another remonstrance against the Butler application in a few days on behalf of prominent taxpayers.

The county commissioners say the case presents a difficult problem for them. Since the statutes were revised the section relating to grocer's licenses has not been very clear. There is really no such thing as a grocer's license but to those grocers who had licenses in former years it has been the custom to grant a wholesale license. If the dealers take up the fight throughout the state, as they say they will do, the commissioners will soon have a supreme court ruling to deal with in making decisions.

## CITY BEGINS STRUGGLE AGAINST INCURSIONS OF POLIOMYELITIS PLAGUE

**DEVELOPMENTS IN EPIDEMIC**

Two positive cases of infantile paralysis discovered in city.

Police and fire departments placed at command of health department for fight against epidemic.

Dr. E. A. McEllan given supreme charge of sanitary measures.

Vacation of every school nurse in city cancelled.

Health Inspector called back from vacation to aid in fight.

Children under 15 years of age barred from city unless they carry health certificates or prove good health.

All entrances to city guarded by police and nurses to shut out carriers of fatal germs.

Thirty milkmen stopped on way into city and samples of product taken.

Dr. C. N. Haskell, pathological expert, declares 97 per cent of Bridgeport's milk contains manure and dirt.

## SEVENTEEN MORE DEAD IN N. Y. EPIDEMIC; NEW CASES TODAY ARE 162

New York, July 12.—Despite the worst heat wave of the season, the epidemic of infantile paralysis took a turn for the better today. During the 24 hours preceding 10 o'clock this morning, only 17 deaths from the disease were reported in the five boroughs of New York city. There were 162 new cases.

Mayor Mitchell and representative physicians of the city, including the advisory board of the health department, held a conference today to ascertain whether any further steps could be taken to check the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

The meeting was called as the result of an increase yesterday of 100 per cent in the number of cases reported. This conference brought into consultation the most experienced medical talent in the city, comprising practitioners of wide experience in children's diseases and epidemics, together with outside experts. The mayor will transmit to his department chiefs any orders that may be recommended by the meeting.

**CLOSES SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

Norfolk, Conn., July 12.—The Sunday schools of Norfolk will be closed for a few weeks as a precautionary measure against the spread of infantile paralysis. This will be done upon recommendation of the town board of health. This is a large summer colony here, exceeding a thousand persons and a large number of children have been sent to this section from New York since the disease made its appearance there.

**PATERSON CASE ISOLATED.**

Arcois, N. J., July 12.—A case of infantile paralysis was discovered here today and placed in a Paterson isolation hospital.

**QUARANTINE IN NEWARK.**

Newark, July 12.—A quarantine against New York children under 16 years of age was put in rigid force in New Jersey today.

## LACK OF HOMES KEEPS 4,000 MEN AWAY FROM LOCAL MUNITION PLANT

The only reason that the great munitions plants erected here by the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co. are not giving employment to 4,000 more workmen today is that there is no place to put the men if the company could hire them.

"It is impossible to keep an organized force of workmen if the workers and their families have no suitable place to live. Daily, expert workers are quitting their employment here because living conditions to which they have been eagerly looking have failed to materialize. Living in furnished rooms is not the standard of existence to which these expert workers have been accustomed, and, as they are skilled, they have no trouble in obtaining employment in other cities where they

get more opportunity for comfortable living.

That the Bridgeport banks are not giving as much co-operation to the housing problem as they could is the assertion of men high in the councils of the big manufacturers. They are not making loans for building operations as generously as they could if they were disposed to co-operate in the housing problem, declare the manufacturers.

The conditions are improving, but not nearly as fast as they could with the much needed co-operation. The sooner the housing becomes adequate, the sooner will the prosperity be extended, for the influx of workers will continue by the thousands until the full new plants are operated to their big capacity.

## ARREDONDO GETS INSTRUCTIONS ON U.S. NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, July 12.—A communication from Mexico City reached Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate, today, which is understood to contain instructions as to the form of negotiations by which settlement of differences between the United States and Mexico will be undertaken. The ambassador made an engagement for a conference, with Acting Secretary Polk at the State Department.

After a talk with the acting secretary, Mr. Arredondo said the details of the proposed negotiations had not been settled but that he expected to be able to make an announcement within a few days.

Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador designate to Mexico, was present during the interview. He may head the American commissioners.

**HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES.**

Chihuahua City, July 12.—Heavy fighting is in progress between federal government troops under General Ernesto Garcia and a large force of Villa bandits at Cerro Blanco, a

few miles below Parral, according to despatches received today by General Jacinto Trevino.

El Paso, Tex., July 12.—Two battalions of Pennsylvania Infantry, one of the Second regiment and one of the Tenth, broke camp here today and prepared to entrain for Marathon, Tex. It was announced at military headquarters that the state troops had been ordered to reinforce

the border patrol in the Big Bend district. The orders followed closely reports from the district that Mexican bandits had raided the Lamula mine, an American property about 100 miles south of the border and that residents along the frontier, near Boquillas, Tex., feared the outlaws were moving north.

**ENGLAND HAS APPROVED ALLIES ECONOMIC PLANS**

London, July 12.—The British government has approved of the resolution passed by the Paris economic conference of representatives of the allied allies, according to a statement in the House of Commons this afternoon by Premier Asquith.

**SOOT CATCHES FIRE.**

Soot falling from a chimney into an old fireplace in the house occupied by Israel Beman at 95 Cedar street caught fire this noon and an alarm was sent in from Box 618 Pembroke and Stoughton streets. The damage was slight.

Stung to Activity By Public Criticism and Warning of Medical Experts, Health Authorities Act to Close Bridgeport Against Disease.

**Two New Cases of Dread Malady Discovered — Police and Firemen Put to Work Under McLellan — Bridgeport Milk Foul, Declares Dr. Haskell.**

Forced to action by the criticism of the public and the danger of calamity Bridgeport health authorities at last today began taking radical steps to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis in this city and to stamp out the epidemic of septic sore throat.

Noted local authorities on epidemic conditions lent their aid in forcing action, so that today the seriousness of the danger that threatens was fully realized.

Every policeman and fireman in the city was put to work in a house-to-house canvass to determine where there are cases and where there are persons who have come from quarantined districts.

Two positive cases have been discovered, those of Miss Edith Fuller of 96 Union avenue and of David W. Rymme of 189 Main street.

Dr. C. N. Haskell, a local pathologist, shocked the board of health last night when he declared that 97 per cent of all the milk that has been used in the city contained manure dirt. He has made an extended investigation.

No child under 15 years of age will be allowed in the city without a health certificate or an examination, as a result of measures adopted last night by the board of health.

Thirty milkmen coming into the city were stopped today and samples of their product were taken for examination.

The vacations of all the school nurses of the city were cancelled today. Extra nurses and inspectors were employed. The public health department was stung to activity. Dr. E. A. McLellan was given charge of the city's health.

One more case of infantile paralysis has developed in Bridgeport, having been transmitted here from New Haven. The new victim who has been placed under quarantine in his home is David William Rymme, aged 3½ years, living at 189 Main street.

Superintendent John H. Redgate today placed the entire police department at the service of Dr. Edward A. McLellan, who has been called on to aid to the city health officer during the threatened epidemic.

Rigid measures were taken this morning to prevent the incursion of further cases from quarantined districts when railroad entrances, boat landings and trolley lines and roadways leading into the city were under supervision. At midnight today an announcement was made at the health board offices that the city was closed to all children under the age of 15 years not having a certificate of good health from the city of their departure, or passing the physical and oral examination of the police and nurses.

These points of entrance will be guarded day and night: Boat line—2 nurses and one policeman. Railroad station—2 nurses and 2 policemen. Ash Creek bridge—1 nurse and 2 policemen.

North avenue at Mountain Grove cemetery—1 nurse and one policeman. Stratford avenue at St. Michael's cemetery—1 nurse and one policeman. The guards will work in relief shifts of four hours each. Other means of entry will be closed as necessity arises.

Difficulty was experienced this morning by Dr. McLellan in getting nurses and inspectors. Only three of the five nurses deemed necessary at this time had been employed to noon-time and no inspectors or physicians had to give their entire time had been obtainable.

The new temporary nurses are Miss Annie Light, 239 Black Rock avenue, Miss Tillie Schack, 1488 Fairfield avenue, and Miss Mary B. Brady, 1088 Fairfield avenue.

Orders were issued by Dr. McLellan that the vacation periods of all school nurses would be cancelled and that if not granted this summer additional pay would reward their services as in New Haven and elsewhere. Inspector Henry Kallmannsperger, who has already departed on a vacation was ordered by telegram to return to this city immediately.

A corps of inspectors were dispatched upon a special tour of meat-markets, fruitstands, restaurants, grocery stores, etc., with instructions peremptorily to order necessary sanitary.

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